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LOK SABHA

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GENERATION OF EMPLOYMENT BY AQUACULTUR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Aquaculture is increasing the food supply and generating employment;

(b) whether the Government have taken steps to encourage aquaculture by providing financial assistance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Aquaculture is one of the growing food producing sectors in which production is constantly increasing. Out of the inland fish production of 28.23 lakh tonnes during 1999-2000, the contribution by aquaculture sources is estimated to be about 70%. The estimated employment generated through the fisheries sectors as a whole including aquaculture is about 7.38 lakh persons on full time basis and 7.13 lakh persons on part-time basis.

(b)&(c): The Government of India is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely,
(i) Development of Freshwater Aquaculture; through Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDAs) and
(ii) Integrated Coastal Aquaculture in the States/Union Territories for promoting Aquaculture.Under Development of Fresh-water Aquaculture at present 426 FFDAs have been sanctioned for covering major potential districts in the country.Under the scheme, expenditure on developmental activities such as construction of new ponds, renovation of ponds and tanks, first year inputs (fish seed, fish feed, fertilisers, manures, etc.), running water fish culture, integrated fish farming, fish seed hatcheries, fish feed mills, establishment of laboratories, training of fish farmers, etc. is shared on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments/UTs. During the last three years (1998-2001), the States/UTs have been provided central share to the extent of Rs.2861.35 lakhs under the FFDA scheme.Similarly, under Integrated Coastal Aquaculture, a package of technical, financial and extension support to shrimp growers is provided through 39 Brackshwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs) in the country. During the past three years (1998-2001), the States/UTs have been provided central share to the extent of Rs.503.35 lakhs under the BFDA scheme.